

## **SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR COUNTIES**

- Statutory Reference: s.85.21    Administrative Rule: TRANS 1
- State funded program which began in 1978
- Eligible Applicants: Counties
- Annual application cycle
- Allocations are set by formula based on the proportion of the state's elderly and disabled population located in each county, subject to the following minimums:
  - No county can receive less than 1/2% of the total annual appropriation (\$40,732 in 2004)
  - No county can receive an allocation smaller than they received in 1992
- Eligible Expenditures:
  - Directly provide service;
  - Purchase transportation service from any public or private organization;
  - Directly subsidize elderly or disabled passengers for their use of transportation service (user-side subsidy);
  - Volunteer driver escort reimbursement;
  - Reimburse elderly or disabled persons for use of their personal means of transportation, when prior approval of such transportation has been given by the county based on qualification standards which the county establishes;
  - Perform or purchase planning or management studies on transportation;
  - Coordinate transportation services;
  - Perform or purchase in-service training relating to transportation service;
  - Purchase capital equipment for transportation service.
- Local Match: 20%
- Option to establish a trust for major capital acquisitions or maintenance (57 counties have trust funds)
- Trip purpose priorities are allowed as an administrative policy when needs exceed resources
- Funding levels:
  - 2000 - \$6,890,400
  - 2001 - \$7,441,600
  - 2002 - \$7,667,400
  - 2003 - \$7,925,100
  - 2004 - \$8,146,300

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